



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 20, 2022 | 10:00 AM | Letters from God
Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor
Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

People of faith, listen for the wind. Children of God, dare to encounter the Spirit.

Who will tell us what God wants us to do? How will we know that what we hear is of God?

Our ancestors in the faith dared to trust God. They left all to follow a call and a promise.

We have received the promise of steadfast love. God has blessed us, and our hearts are glad.

*PRAYER OF CENTERING

God of our dreams and of our waking hours, we give you thanks for all your promises to us. You have said you will accept us and keep us wherever we go. You have set aside resources for our use. How awesome are your blessings in all the earth. Open our spirits to receive the gifts of your grace. Open our lives to receive and fulfill the assignments you would give us. May we worship with true devotion, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH 140++

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philemon 1:1-25

SERMON

"Philemon"

ANTHEM

"God is Calling Us"

by Natalie Sleeth

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING & *DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

*CLOSING HYMN

"Freely, Freely"

UMH 389

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain
 Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

Freely, Freely

1. God for-gave my sin in Je-sus' name, I've been born a-
 2. All power is given in Je-sus' name, in earth and

gain in Je-sus' name, and in Je-sus' name I come to you, to
 heaven in Je-sus' name, and in Je-sus' name I come to you to

REFRAIN
 share his love as he told me to. He said, "Free-ly, free-ly
 share his power as he told me to.

you have re-ceived, free-ly, free-ly give. Go in my

name, and be-cause you be-lieve, oth-ers will know that I live."

GREETER | Jane Frey **LITURGIST** | Pam Houskeeper

FLOWERS: Rebecca Masters in honor of Emergency & Health Care Workers

FELLOWSHIP: Volunteers needed; see sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall

Key to abbreviations:

UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal TFWS: The Faith We Sing

++: *Someone's Favorite Hymn*

PRAYER LIST

Pat Moulton, Christine Pasquarosa, Joe Lecaroz, Leonard Gasiewicz, Dan Dixon, Roger & Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Marie Buchanan, Gina Alfano Walsh, Merissa Sims, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Bus drivers, students, teachers, and school staff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HANDBELL WORKSHOP: Are you curious about what its like to ring handbells? Do want to enrich your handbell skills? There will be a handbell workshop Saturday, **February 27 form 10:00 AM—12 NOON** in the sanctuary. This workshop is open to everyone.

UPCOMING LENTEN STUDY: Join us in-person on **Sundays at Noon beginning next Sunday, February 27th OR online Wednesdays* at 6:00 PM** via Zoom link bit.ly/MUMCZoom for a 7 week book study of the "I Am" sayings of Jesus. The study will follow the Lent sermon series "*The God We Can Know*" from the book by Rev. Rob Fuquay. Books are available at UpperRoomBooks.com. We also have a limited supply through our church office.

**(Please note that the first week of online study will meet TUESDAY, March 1, since March 2 is Ash Wednesday)*

CRAFTY LADIES: The Crafty Ladies will meet again on Thursdays at 9:30 AM, **beginning March 17**. All are welcome, crafty or not.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY: Any non-perishable item is appreciated, especially kid friendly foods and proteins (tuna, canned meats, ravioli, spaghetti and meatballs, soups & stews, chili, peanut butter, beans, etc.) Easy-open cans or packets work best. Donations may be dropped off inside the church entrance or put directly in the pantry box. Thank you!

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL—Every Sunday at 8:30 AM

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL—Every Sunday after worship

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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

12:00 PM—IMPOSITION OF ASHES
7:00 PM—IMPOSITION OF ASHES & SERVICE

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